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Dr. B. Wesley Catlin,
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Dear Dr. Catlin:

During the late symposium at Cold Spring Harbor, you mentioned something of a research program in your laboratory which involved the isolation and serological examination of a large series of coliform cultures. I am writing now to reopen our discussion of the possibility of access to this collection for the purpose of screening the cultures for their ability to hybridize, particularly with strain K-12.

We returned from our travels a little late, just a few days ago, and it will be several weeks before the laboratory routine is sufficiently stabilized for us to go ahead with this screening program. However, I hope this note may serve to warn you of our interest in accumulations of coliform cultures of separate origin. Perhaps later in the summer, we might drive to Milwaukee to discuss this and other problems of mutual interest, if such a visit were agreeable to you.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,
Associate Professor of Genetics.